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SAM NEWHOUSE, REPORTER

Often "green" energy plans are criticized as not being financially realistic, so here's a little bit of old-fashioned economics for you. Philadelphia City Council passed a power purchase agreement to start buying more electricity from solar power providers — a preemptive step expected to increase demand so much that a new 70-megawatt photovoltaic facility — the largest in the state — is now being planned by developers in Central Pennsylvania. Mayor Jim Kenney is expected to sign the bill today. Read more inside and on **metrophilly.us.**

1 FLYNN'S EX-BIZ PARTNER SECRET TURKEY LOBBYIST

An ex-business partner of former U.S. national security adviser Michael Flynn and a businessman with ties to Turkish government officials have been charged with undisclosed lobbying aimed at the extradition of a Muslim cleric living in the United States. Flynn's former partner, Bijan Rafiekian, was indicted on two criminal counts, including conspiracy to act as an agent of a foreign government, according to a grand jury indictment unsealed on Monday in the Eastern District of Virginia. Ekim Alptekin, a Turkish-Dutch businessman, was charged for allegedly plotting with Turkish officials to cause the extradition of Turkish Muslim cleric Fethullah Gulen and for lying to the FBI about his efforts, among six total counts. The charges underscored the broadening impact of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation, which is focused on possible collusion between Russia and President Donald Trump's 2016 election campaign but which has led to at least four spinoff probes including the case against Alptekin and Rafiekian.

2 RUSSIA USED SOCIAL MEDIA FOR US MEDDLING

Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election on social media was more widespread than previously thought and included attempts to divide Americans by race and extreme ideology, said reports by private experts released on Monday by U.S. senators from both parties. The Russian government's Internet Research Agency, based in St. Petersburg, Russia, tried to manipulate U.S. politics, said the reports, one by social media analysts New Knowledge and the other by an Oxford University team working with analytical firm Graphika. The twin reports largely verified earlier findings by U.S. intelligence agencies, but offered much more detail about Russian activity going back years that continues even now, said the reports and senior lawmakers. For instance, one Russian troll farm tried to encourage U.S. "secessionist movements" in California and Texas, the New Knowledge report said. "This newly released data demonstrates how aggressively Russia sought to divide Americans by race, religion and ideology," said Richard Burr, the Republican chairman of the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee, in a statement.

3 EMPIRE STATE BUILDING CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF 'THE SIMPSONS'

Bart, Homer, Lisa, Marge and Maggie Simpson visit the Empire State Building to celebrate the 30th anniversary of "The Simpsons" on Monday.

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4 GOLDMAN FIRES BACK AFTER MALAYSIA CHARGES

Malaysia on Monday filed criminal charges against Goldman Sachs Group Inc. related to its dealings with the sovereign wealth fund 1MDB, and Goldman Sachs fired back that the previous Malaysian government had lied to the bank. Malaysia authorities charged the bank and two former Goldman employees in connection with an investigation into suspected corruption and money laundering related to the scandal. Attorney General Tommy Thomas said in a statement that it will seek jail terms as well as billions in fines from Goldman Sachs and four other individuals who allegedly diverted about $2.7 billion from 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB). This is the first time Goldman Sachs, which has consistently denied wrongdoing, has faced criminal charges in the 1MDB scandal. "Certain members of the former Malaysian government and 1MDB lied to Goldman Sachs, outside counsel and others about the use of proceeds from these transactions," Goldman spokesman Michael DuVally said in a statement. DuVally said that the bank was not afforded the chance to be heard prior to the filing of the charges and will contest the allegations.

5 'JUSTICE' NAMED WEBSTER'S 2018 WORD OF THE YEAR

"Justice" is what most people sought on Merriam-Webster, among the world's most popular dictionaries, as the U.S. publisher named that principle of being fair as the Word of the Year for 2018. Users looked up the word 74 percent more often than in 2017, said spokeswoman Meghan Lunghi for the website, which claims to be "America's most trusted dictionary." The surge was prompted by specific uses of the word such as "obstruction of justice," after U.S. President Donald Trump tweeted in August that Attorney General Jeff Sessions should stop Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russia's role in the 2016 election, the company said in a statement. "It's often familiar words for abstract concepts that are among the most looked-up words," said Emily Brewster, associate editor for Merriam-Webster, in the statement. "When common words like justice are used in contexts that are very specific, technical, or legal, people look them up in the dictionary for the detail and nuance that a definition can provide." "Justice" joined Dictionary.com's "misinformation" and the Oxford English Dictionary's "toxic" as top words of the year.

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Flyers fire head coach Dave Hakstol

Scott Gordon was named Flyers interim coach. Quenneville next?

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The Flyers announced on Monday the firing of head coach Dave Hakstol.

Dave Isaac of the Courier-Post initially reported on Sunday that the firing was imminent and could be announced within 24 hours. Sam Carchidi of the Philadelphia Inquirer confirmed the move on Monday before the Flyers made it official.

In a statement released by the team, Lehigh Valley Phantoms coach Scott Gordon will be the Flyers' interim head coach.

Gordon, who is in his fourth year coaching Lehigh Valley, has led the Phantoms to a record of 15-9-1-1 (28 points) this season and overall has a record of 144-86-24.

Before joining Lehigh Valley, the 54-year-old Gordon also served as an assistant coach with the Toronto Maple Leafs for a few seasons (2011-2014) and was a head coach with the New York Islanders for three seasons (2008-2011).

Flyers defenseman Andrew MacDonald, who played under Gordon with the Islanders, had nothing but positive things to say about the team's new interim head coach.

"I had him in New York. I didn't have him for an overly long time," he said. "He liked to play with pace. He's got some different ways of thinking about things, some unique styles, kind of creative ways to play. He's pretty fiery, he can get going behind the bench. It's a situation where he's coming in midseason. He's had some success with Lehigh. For us as players, it's a fresh start for everyone and hopefully he can turn things around."

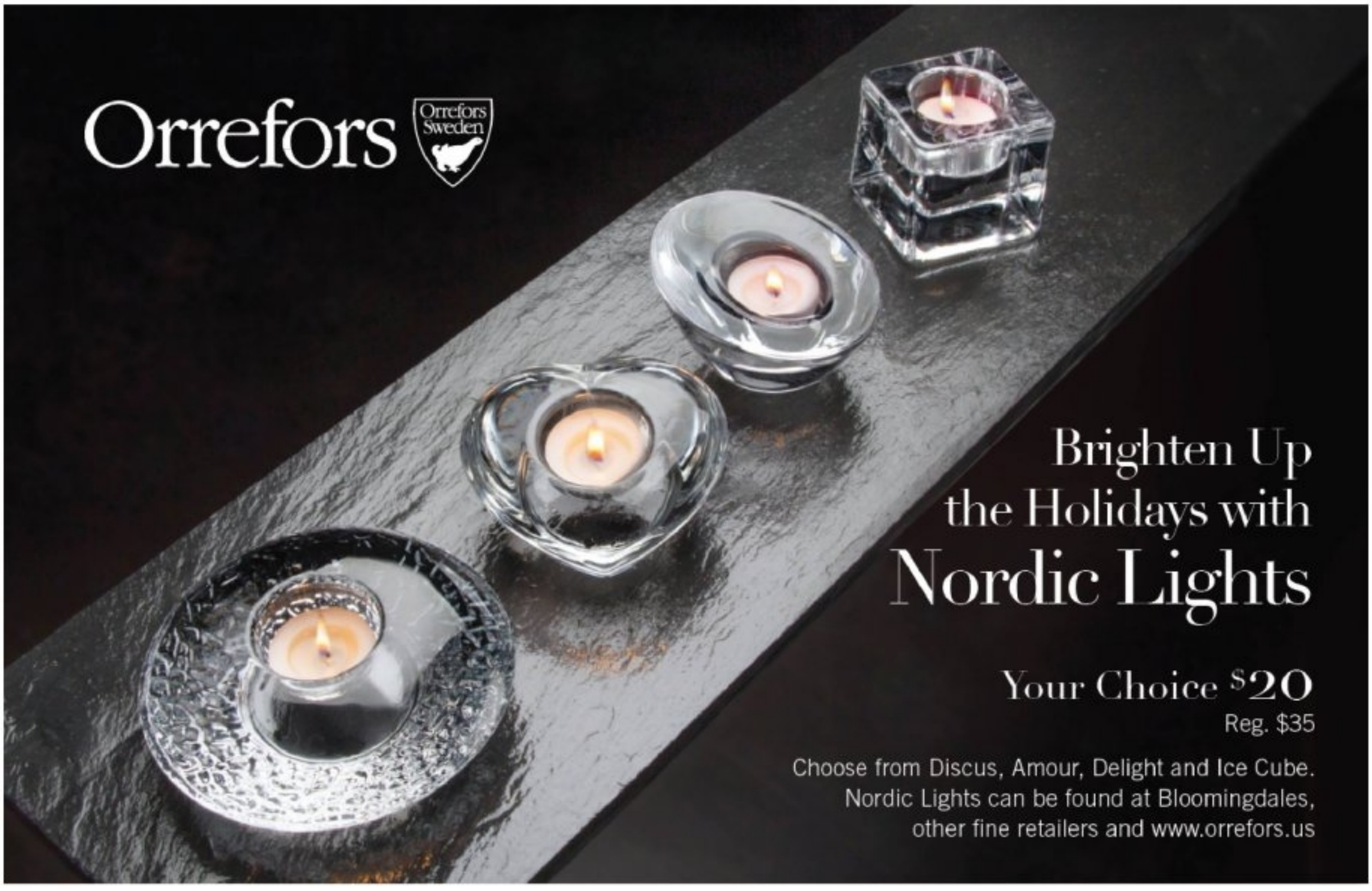
It's a move that surprises no one as Hakstol is out the door after the team was embarrassed by the Vancouver Canucks, 5-1, on Saturday night to drop them to 12-15-14 (28 points), good for last in the Metropolitan Division.

Just a couple of weeks ago, the Flyers relieved Ron Hextall of his general manager duties, which seemed to be the writing on the wall for Hakstol's eventual departure.

Over his four-year tenure with the Black and Orange, Hakstol had a record of 134-101-2 and made the Stanley Cup playoffs twice. In those two playoff appearances, the Flyers got dismantled by the Washington Capitals and Pittsburgh Penguins.

The former University of North Dakota head coach was hired by Hextall back in 2015 and had one season left on his five-year, $10 million deal.

With Hakstol now out of the door, Fletcher can



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go ahead and hire the head coach he wants. The coach that he and the Flyers organization have their eye on is Joel Quenneville.

Isaac reported on Sunday that the former Chicago Blackhawks coach had been offered the position and would accept it. Quenneville was fired earlier this season after the Blackhawks got off to a slow start (6-6-3).

Quenneville, 60, led Chicago to three Stanley Cup titles (2010, 2012, 2014) and was the second-winningest coach in franchise history. He is also the second-winningest coach in NHL history with 890 wins.

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Andrew MacDonald, Flyers defenseman

If Quenneville does end up becoming the head coach, he will have a lot of things to fix.

One of those things will be igniting the power play. This season, the power play has been not good under Hakstol, along with the inconsistent offense.

The Flyers rank 29th out of 31 NHL teams in power percentage at 12.9 and 18th in goals for per game with 2.97.

Along with the offense, there is also the goaltending issue, which was not so much a Hakstol issue but more so the front office.

The Flyers have been bitten by the injury bug heavily between the pipes and seen bad performances, too. But things should be improved in net as the team recalled top prospect Carter Hart, who has been in the AHL with the Phantoms.

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Kenney to move forward on new solar power plan

Philly's plans for buying more solar energy will stimulate the development of the state's biggest solar power plant, they say.

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To reverse an old adage — if you buy it, they will build it.

Pennsylvania could soon be expanding its solar power industry significantly, as Mayor Jim Kenney is inking a contract for Philadelphia to begin sourcing 22 percent of its electrical needs from solar power plants. And the demand expected from the new Power Purchase Agreement in Philadelphia is projected to lead to the construction of the state's largest photovoltaic or solar power facility.

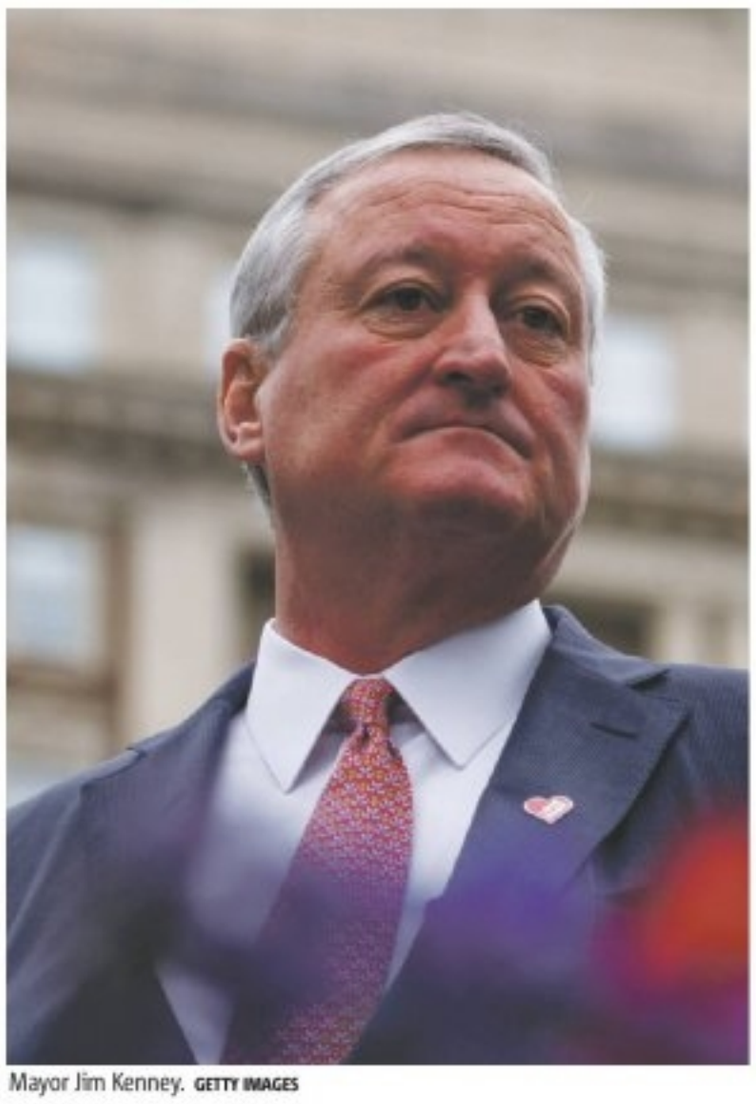
"Philadelphia wants to lead by example in procuring renewable energy, which will reduce regional carbon emissions to help meet our climate goals and create regional job growth in the renewable energy sector," Kenney said in a statement after the original legislation was introduced in Philly City Council.

Kenney is scheduled to sign the Power Purchase Agreement on Tuesday, and his office said gears are already in motion for a massive new solar panel power plant in Adams County in Central Pa., near Gettysburg.

The projected 70-megawatt facility, seven times larger than the next-largest solar panel facility in the commonwealth, is expected to be built by developer Community Energy's new project Adams Solar LLC.

The agreement also stipulates for Philadelphia to purchase the energy at a fixed price for the next 20 years — "hedging against future price spikes, which is likely to save the city money in the long run," Kenney's office said in a press release.

Built into the project is an "Economic Opportunity Plan" that includes plans to hold job fairs for subcontractors and workforce in Adams County and Philadel-



Mayor Jim Kenney. GETTY IMAGES

phia, and to incorporate women, minority and disabled-person-owned businesses in the project, the city said. The project is also intended to connect with solar job training programs in Philadelphia, like the Philadelphia Energy Authority's high school solar training program.

The project ultimately goes toward goals in Philadelphia's Municipal Energy Master Plan for Philly to acquire 100 percent of its energy from renewable sources by 2030.

"Moving forward in a tangible matter with this goal symbolizes how we grow toward a greener and more sustainable Philadelphia," City Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown said in a statement after introducing the legislation in Philadelphia City Council in November.

The solar power plan is the latest major green step planned in Philadelphia.

Billionaire philanthropist Michael Bloomberg's organization recently pledged $2.5 million to Philadelphia by 2020 to assist the city in cutting carbon emissions 28 percent by 2025.

The funds are currently set to go toward energy-efficiency projects in residential and office buildings; increasing the generation and use of renewable energy; supporting alternative transportation methods and transition of 6,000 municipal vehicles to electric; and working with SEPTA to convert its fleet to environmentally friendly power sources.

Meanwhile, SEPTA recently issued a request for proposals to begin sourcing 10 to 20 percent of its electrical needs from renewable energy sources, which they hope could also stimulate demand in the renewable energy industry.

But other nations have already made significant progress in this field. Of the world's five largest photovoltaic facilities, three are in China and the other two are in India. China's Tengger Desert Solar Park is the world's largest, with an estimated peak output of 1,547 megawatts.

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New York Gov. aims to legalize recreational marijuana use

New Jersey is also considering allowing adults to recreationally light up.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Monday said legalizing marijuana for recreational use would be one of his top legislative priorities next year.

The move, which would add New York to the list of 10 U.S. states and the District of Columbia that have legalized cannabis, could bring in hundreds of millions of dollars in annual tax revenue, according to a report commissioned by the governor and released last summer.

Neighboring New Jersey is also weighing whether to allow recreational use of marijuana. Gov. Phil Murphy, a supporter of the proposal, and leaders in the Democratic-controlled legislature have been working on a bill for several months, though no action is expected until 2019.

The added revenue could help address a number of needs, including New York City's troubled subway system, which is desperately in need of major repairs and upgrades. The legal market for marijuana in New York could be worth between $1.7 billion and $3.5 billion annually, the state report estimated.

In a speech outlining his plans for 2019, Cuomo said that legalizing marijuana would contribute to a fairer justice system. Many proponents of changing the law have argued that enforcement disproportionately harms minorities.

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo

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The decision marks a shift for Cuomo, who as recently as last year opposed full legalization. His Democratic challenger this year, actress Cynthia Nixon, campaigned on legalizing marijuana, among other liberal positions.

Democrats will control both of the state's legislative chambers next year after capturing the State Senate in November's election.

Starting with Colorado and Washington in 2012, states that have legalized marijuana for adult use have typically done so through ballot measures. Vermont became the first state this year to approve recreational marijuana use via legislative action.

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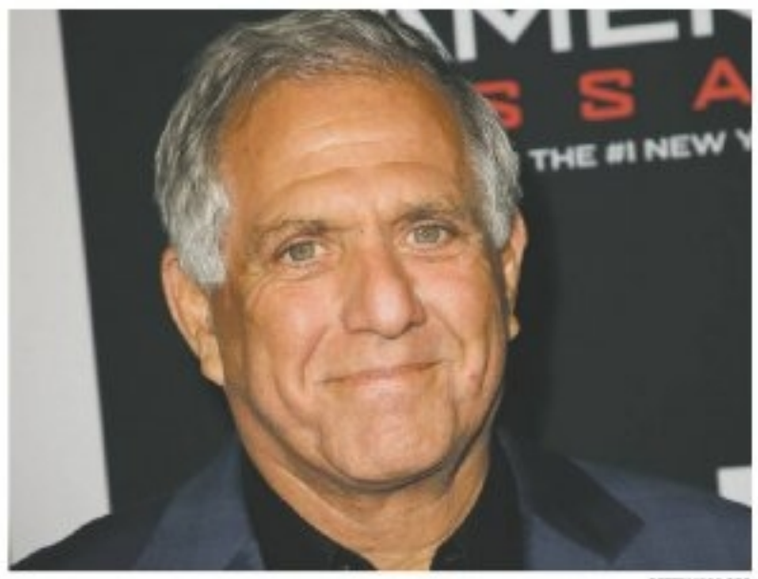
CBS denies former CEO Les Moonves $120M severance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CBS Corp. said on Monday it will not pay Les Moonves a $120 million severance package as it girds for a likely legal battle with its former chief executive who has been accused of sexual harassment and assault that allegedly took place before and after he joined the company.

The decision to deprive Moonves of his severance and terminate his employment for cause follows a board of directors review of the findings of an investigation into Moonves' behavior and the CBS culture conducted by two law firms, Debevoise & Plimpton and Covington & Burling, hired by CBS.

"We have determined that there are grounds to terminate for cause, including his willful and material misfeasance, violation of company policies and breach of his employment contract, as well as his willful failure to cooperate fully with the company's investigation," CBS's board of directors said in a statement that did not disclose details of the investigation.

A draft report of the investigation was leaked to the New York Times this month. It accused Moonves of destroying evidence and seeking to mollify accusers with promises of jobs at CBS.

The report also included more accusations that Moonves advanced the careers of women who had sex with him and more accusers beyond the 12 disclosed in two New Yorker investigations that led to Moonves' forced resignation in September.

Moonves has denied any wrongdoing and has described his sexual encounters as consensual. His attorney, Andrew Levander, did not immediately return a call for comment.

The CBS board also said investigators found that harassment and retaliation were not pervasive at CBS but found that its policies and practices failed to prevent past incidents.

Investigators did find that the company failed to hold "high performers" accountable for their conduct, the board said.

The board said it has retained outside advisers to fix its human resources problems.

Last week, CBS named 18 recipients of a $20 million donation drawn from Moonves' severance to support eliminating sexual harassment in the workplace.

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BRIEF

Twitter tumbles on concerns about hacking activity

Twitter Inc. shares fell almost 7 percent after the company said it was investigating unusual traffic that might be from state-sponsored hackers and, in what appeared to be an unrelated issue, a security firm said hackers used the platform to try to steal user data.

Twitter said in a blog that it discovered suspicious traffic to a customer support forum while investigating a security bug that exposed data, including users' phone country codes and details on locked accounts. It said the bug was fixed Nov. 16.

Twitter observed a large amount of traffic to the customer support site coming from individual internet IP addresses in China and Saudi Arabia.

"While we cannot confirm intent or attribution for certain, it is possible that some of these IP addresses may have ties to state-sponsored actors," the blog said.

"We continue to err on the side of full transparency in this area and have updated law enforcement on our findings," it said.

A company spokesman declined to elaborate as Twitter shares posted their biggest drop in more than two months.

Wedbush analyst Michael Pachter blamed the decline on concerns that news of a breach could hurt growth and user engagement.

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"Clearly, a breach like this impairs user trust in the platform," he said.

Separately, security software maker Trend Micro Inc. said in a blog earlier on Monday that attackers sent out two tweets in October in a bid to steal data from previously infected machines.

The hackers hid instructions in tweeted memes that secretly ordered infected devices to send information, including user names, screen images and other content, Trend Micro said.

The Twitter spokesman declined comment on the Trend Micro report. REUTERS

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HOLIDAY TRAVEL: CHRISTMAS EDITION

Brace yourselves. There are only a few days left before we will all be descending into the madness that comes with traveling home for Christmas. While some of us are lucky enough to live close enough to family, those of us who don't will have to endure being thrust into the long lines to wait for mediocre transportation options to get to our merry destinations. You'd think with how cramped and uncomfortable buses and trains are, they would go easy on you with the cost of it all. That's a nice thought, but alas, no one is spared this time of year. It almost makes it worth it to live closer to your relatives for that reason alone (the key word there being "almost"). Travel is my No. 1 Grumble of the holiday season and I hate that it makes me as mad as it does!

— **Susan,** *Metro Philly reader*

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— Alexandria Nicole Salgado, Metro New York reader

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Aries Be careful what you wish for. Offers, gifts and found money are apparent, but expect to pay a price for what you receive. Personal gain will have stipulations attached.

Taurus Concentrate on personal changes that will make you look and feel your best. If you put quality before quantity, you will be happy with the results. Romance should be a priority.

Gemini Don't let your generosity leave you short of funds. It's OK to help others, but first look out for yourself and your loved ones. Indulgent tendencies should be squelched.

Cancer You'll come up with a great gift idea for a loved one. Strive for stability and equality when it comes to important relationships. A physical improvement will fetch compliments.

Leo A change will take place if you get together with colleagues or sign up for activities that include older or younger friends or relatives. An offer or proposal looks interesting.

Virgo Pick up small items that you want to have on hand for the upcoming festivities. Make arrangements to visit older friends and relatives or include them in your plans.

Libra A change in the way you feel about someone will lead to a surprise that will bring you great joy. Travel plans or a promise you make will brighten your day.

Scorpio Update your look or pick up something that will give you the sophisticated appearance you searching for. Your uniqueness will be admired. Romance is highlighted.

Sagittarius Be reasonable when engaging in festivities or offering your services to others. It's important to put your time and effort where they will count most. Put family first.

Capricorn Make a couple of minor adjustments at home to help prepare for special events or settle in for family fun. Romance is highlighted.

Aquarius Make changes for the right reasons, not because someone else wants you to make them. Being helpful is one thing, but letting others take advantage of you is another.

Pisces A reasonable request should not be denied, but you must know where to draw the line. Someone's behavior should be pointed out if it's upsetting people you love. EUGENIA LAST

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LIFESTYLE

Mark Hogancamp (Steve Carell) and his supportive friend Roberta (Merritt Wever) with the dolls of Mark's fictional town in "Welcome to Marwen."
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How true is 'Welcome to Marwen'?

Director Robert Zemeckis talks us through it.

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It didn't take long for Robert Zemeckis to realize that the 2010 documentary "Marwencol" had all the ingredients for a feature-film adaptation.

"I was channel-surfing one night and it was playing on PBS," Zemeckis tells Metro. "After about 15 minutes, I started to think there was the germ of an idea that could be expanded into an interesting and compelling feature film."

The story that Zemeckis found so "hopeful" was that of Mark Hogancamp, who, after being violently assaulted and left for dead by five men just for admitting to being a crossdresser, constructed and photographed a miniature World War II village in an attempt to regain his memory.

"It is about the triumph of the human spirit," explains Zemeckis. "Even more than that I was fascinated by the idea that it spoke to the healing power of art. That it was vital that this guy invented a new art form because he couldn't draw anymore.

"He used that new art form of photography to create this world that allowed him to process this incredibly tragic thing that happened to him. I thought that was really magnificent."

When "Welcome to Marwen" dives into the doll world that Mark has created, we see animated, doll-like versions of Steve Carell, who plays Hogancamp, as well as Leslie Mann's Nicole, Merritt Wever's Roberta, Janelle Monae's GI Julie, Eiza Gonzalez's Caralala, and Gwendoline Christie's Anna, each of whom perform the heroic actions that Mark envisions, which helps him deal with his PTSD.

Robert Zemeckis
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In order for "Welcome to Marwen" to work, Zemeckis knew it was essential that these animated sequences blend perfectly with the real-world scenes, especially when it came to tone.

"You don't want it to be sentimental or melodramatic. It is a balance that you have to do in most stories that you tell.

"The key to it is dealing honestly with things that are very much real and not sugarcoating them or making them a fairy-tale story. I could do that in the doll world, but not in the real world with Mark."

But while Zemeckis was so inspired by Mark Hogancamp's story and art that he immediately set out to write and direct "Welcome to Marwen," he only used the real events as a springboard rather than strictly adhering to the truth.

"It is not another documentary," says Zemeckis. "But it certainly uses the real events as big bullet-point events in his life story. As an outline, if you will. As a springboard.

"But most of the movie is more fictionalized, rather than it being another document again of what happened to him. Because in the documentary, he tells us the story. It's not dramatized in any way."

There's one important distinction between "Marwencol" and "Welcome to Marwen," insists Zemeckis.

"The key difference between the two is, I saw that between these photographs he took were these elaborate stories in the doll world that were only in his mind's eye. I thought that should be where most of the movie takes place, in the doll world."

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No, Ellen DeGeneres isn't leaving her talk show to become more 'Relatable'

The comedian really wants everyone to know that she's not nice all the time.

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Ellen DeGeneres' new special is now on Netflix. ALL PHOTOS NETFLIX

Last week, Ellen DeGeneres made waves on social media when a New York Times profile hinted that she was considering leaving her daytime talk show. The comedian, whose new Netflix special "Relatable" debuts on Tuesday, recently extended her contract to 2020. However, as the 60-year-old entertainer notes in the interview, she almost didn't because of her brother, who has been "making the case that in the age of Trump, the country needs her positive, unifying voice on television every day."

"She gets mad when my brother tells me I can't stop," DeGeneres says of her wife, the actress Portia de Rossi. In response, the latter says that Ellen is "such a brilliant actress and stand-up that it doesn't have to be this talk show for her creativity" since "there are other things she could tackle." In other words, why should the comic, who hasn't released a comedy special in 15 years, relegate herself to daytime television only?

The profile notwithstanding, DeGeneres opens up about her concerns with continuing the talk show in "Relatable." In fact, it serves as the crux for the special's title, which comes from a friend who asked the comic if she would even do stand-up anymore if she couldn't be as relatable to audiences as she was before the talk show? After all, the long-running program has afforded her a great deal of fame, much of it her own doing.

"A few years ago, I started ending my show by saying 'be kind to one another,'" she says toward the beginning of the special. "It's a wonderful thing, it is, but here's the downside. I can never do anything unkind ever now. Ever. I'm the 'be kind' girl. And I'm kind. I'm a good person. I know I am, but

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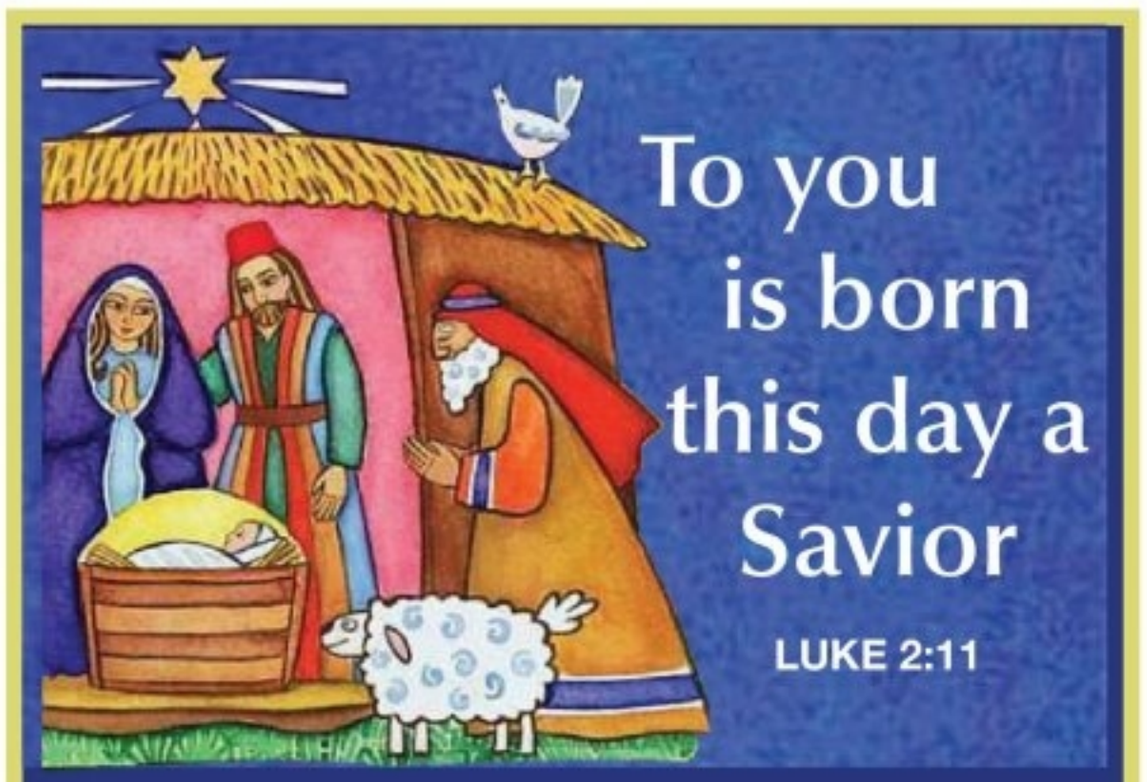
I'm a human being and I have bad days. I'm in traffic like you. I drive. But I can't do the things you do because I'm the 'be kind' girl."

Of course, like most comedians, DeGeneres is simply drawing from her own life experiences in order to set up a series of jokes for her audience's amusement. She does this here, in this moment, while talking about being labeled for her "be kind" statement, and she does it at the very beginning when she jokes about whether or not she's still relatable.

Yet that doesn't negate the truth behind these claims, funny and otherwise. For as her New York Times profile revealed, DeGeneres almost turned down the chance to extend her contract to 2020. That is to say, her daytime talk show almost came to an end before the profile, "Relatable," or anything relating to it was ever made public. When viewers tune in this afternoon to check out the latest episode of "Ellen," however, DeGeneres, her producer Andy Lassner and the screaming audience members will still be there. Positive social media stories will still be highlighted, checks and gifts will still be distributed, and celebrity guests will still be scared. The talk show is here to stay, for now, and the new special is here to give DeGeneres another outlet.



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The new extravaganza comes after the great success of the annual Summer Cocktail Social. This holiday-themed event will mimic the setup of the popular summertime festivities, but with a wintery flair. There will be spirits and boozy concoctions from popular distilleries in the local Philadelphia area and from around the country.

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The event is just $40, and that small amount gets you oh-so-much, especially since the cocktail-palooza takes place on a Wednesday. It's a fabulous way to break up the mundane work week. The Holiday Cocktail Classic will take place at the Center for Architecture and Design. The aesthetically pleasing facility can hold up to 350 people for the event, but tickets will sell out quickly and it's recommended you get yours as soon as possible.

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Let us all raise a toast to Nick Foles, restorer of hope, spinner of miracles, initiator of quarterback controversies.

Bless you, Saint Nick, for rediscovering Alshon Jeffrey, for launching bombs while under duress and — more than anything — for giving us reason to pull those underdog masks out from the back of our closets.

One more thing, dear reader: While your champagne flute (or beer stein) is still poised high, let me propose one more toast — this one to the man who may be the least-popular figure on the Eagles. While Foles will get (and deserves) massive acclaim for Sunday night's 30-23 shocker over the Rams, the guy who should be next in the applause line is defensive coordinator Jim Schwartz.

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As in, everyone's punching bag Jim Schwartz. As in, why-doesn't-he-ever-blitz Jim Schwartz. The Eagles defensive coordinator, known mostly for being stubborn and snarly, dialed up his best game plan since last year's NFC championship game. He outwitted Rams coach Sean McVay. He baffled quarterback Jared Goff. He prevented Todd Gurley from running amok — as Saquon Barkley and Ezekiel Elliott had done against the Eagles recently.

Schwartz has not had a good season. His defense collapsed down the stretch in three winnable games. But on Sunday night, directing a unit comprised of battered bodies and scrubs, he outsmarted McVay, whom you may recall beat out Doug Pederson for the 2017 Coach of the Year Award.

Schwartz signaled in blitzes at precisely the right moment, including the final play, with the Rams going for it all from the Eagles' 18. It was a ballsy call, always popular with fans, but definitely high-risk. And it worked, as Goff, under pressure, could not get the ball to receiver Josh Reynolds.

The Eagles let Goff throw underneath all night, but wouldn't allow the strong-armed quarterback to go deep. Combine that strategy with terrific pressure from the front four, and the Rams had just one completion longer than 20 yards all night.

Before Sunday, Goff had amassed 18 touchdown passes and just two interceptions in home games this season. Against the Eagles, he had no TD throws and two INTs. Gurley had 48 yards rushing and two TDs — identical to Eagles backup Wendell Smallwood.

Schwartz accomplished all this with less than half a deck. On one fourth-quarter drive by the Rams, I counted just four Eagles on the field listed among the 11 defensive starters at the beginning of the season. Injuries have decimated all three aspects of the Eagles defense, particularly the secondary.

Somehow, Cre'von LeBlanc, Avonte Maddox, Corey Graham and Rasul Douglas (14 tackles) were able to hold down the back end Sunday — along with Malcolm Jenkins, a coach on the field who often has to direct his young teammates where to go on a particular play.

Special praise, too, to two of the linemen. Critics questioned the offseason signing of Michael Bennett, but the veteran defensive end has been solid all year. And Fletcher Cox must have spent the week hearing experts call the Rams' Aaron Donald the NFL's top defensive tackle.

It was Cox, not Donald, who made a difference Sunday night, tossing aside 300-pound Rams linemen on his way to the quarterback.

Hey, Foles deserves every accolade he'll get for this great win. But the much-maligned Jim Schwartz and his tired, injured defense were equally responsible.

I'd have you raise a toast to each member of the unit who merits praise, but that would be more than any one person should drink.

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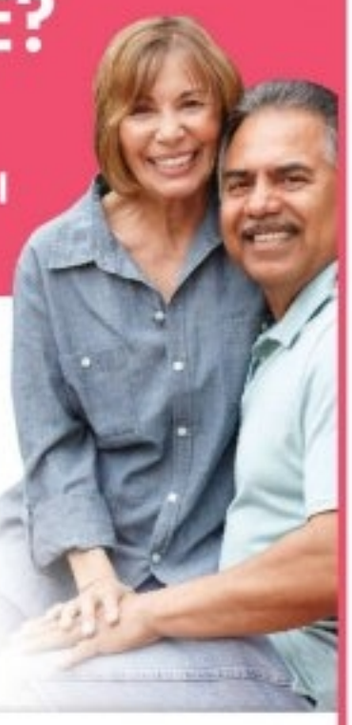

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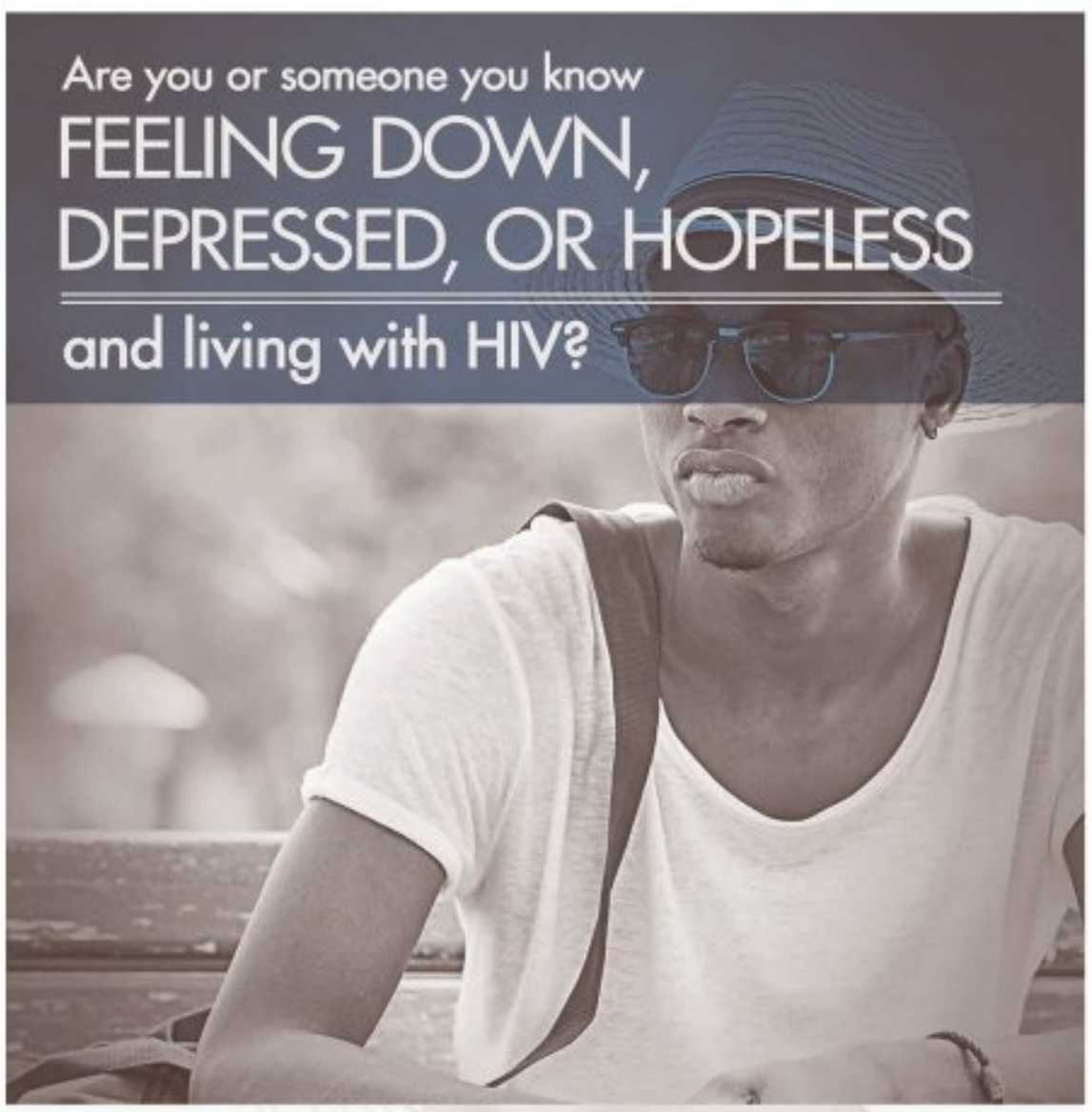

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4 Seizes
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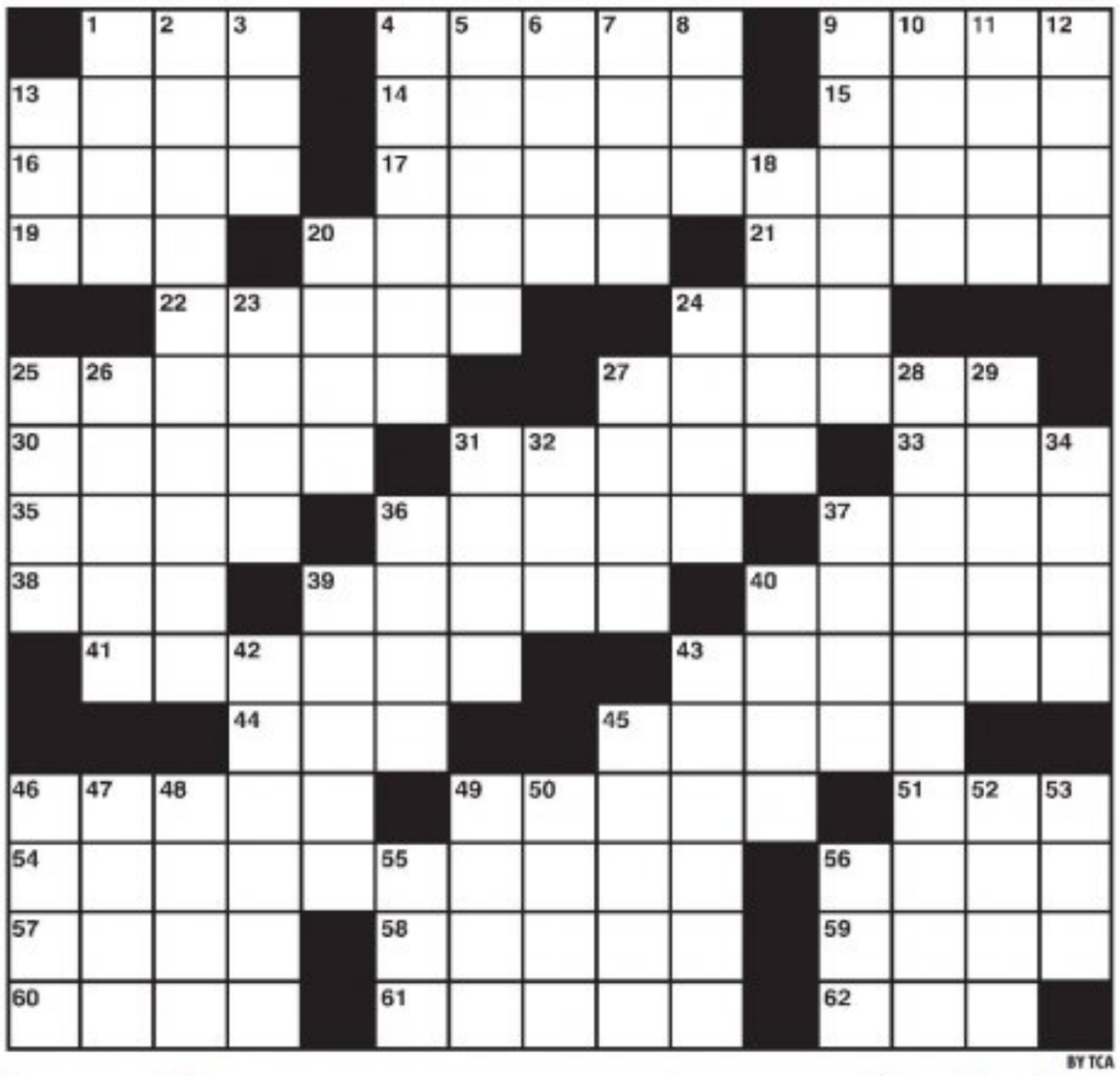
13 Dry riverbed
14 Fit for a king
15 Opposite of "Giddyap!"
16 Bee colony
17 The whole kit and caboodle
19 Late bedtime
20 DVD remote button
21 Wash off soapsuds
22 Lasso's end
24 Friend
25 Grow up
27 Firstborn of several
30 Mistreat
31 Rascal
33 Presidential nickname
35 Harbor town
36 Hunger pains
37 Nylons
38 Johnny Cash's "A Boy Named __"
39 Heroic tales
40 Disastrous defeats
41 Sleeplike state
43 Head covering
44 __ for tat
45 Obsolete
46 Ice cream server
49 British fellow
51 Steal from
54 Pen name
56 Boyfriend
57 Gung ho
58 Hole maker
59 BPOE folks
60 Understands
61 Penniless
62 Suffix for prior or count

DOWN

1 Gout symptom
2 Swashbuckler
3 Man's accessory
4 Travolta/Newton-John musical
5 Medley of skits, songs & dances
6 Middle __; historical period
7 Uncovered
8 __ as a fox
9 For __; temporarily
10 Facial feature
11 Heavy weights
12 Cooking herb
13 English rock band
18 Exchange
20 __ over; study intently
23 Kick out
24 Adder's sign
25 Atlas pages
26 Approximately
27 Breakfast order
28 Disreputable fellows
29 1 of the 5 senses
31 Hothead's problem
32 "Cat __ Hot Tin Roof"
34 In case
36 Treaty
37 Make sharper
39 Shoot from hiding
40 Learn by __; memorize
42 Disagreeing
43 Pleasant-smelling shop
45 Like a capitol roof
46 Unexpected obstacle
47 Sheltered bay
48 Exclude
49 "__ Skies"; Irving Berlin song
50 Sled race
52 Acorn droppers
53 Student transport
55 "Peter __"
56 Stinger



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